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AMENDMENT

SIR:

In response to the Office Action mailed on February 25, 2002, please amend the application as set forth below and please reconsider the application based on the following.

IN THE CLAIMS:

8. (Once Amended) A device for controlling a vehicle, comprising:

a control device for receiving a signal indicating an actual speed of the vehicle;

a memory in which a setpoint speed is predefined; and

an output arrangement via which a manipulated variable that influences the actual speed of the vehicle is output based on the actual speed and the setpoint speed in order to influence the actual speed of the vehicle;

wherein the control device includes an enabling arrangement for enabling only the manipulated variable to be calculated and output, respectively, if a descent of the vehicle has been detected; and

wherein the control device includes an arrangement for detecting the descent of the vehicle.